

## Qantas announces seasonal flights from Osaka as Australia travel booms

**Osaka, 27 July 2016** – Qantas will launch new non-stop, seasonal flights between Osaka and Sydney in response to the boom in travel between Japan and Australia.

From 14 December 2017 until 24 March 2018, Qantas will operate three flights per week using its two-class Airbus A330 aircraft.\*

The route – which will be the only direct flight between the two cities – adds to the airline’s popular Tokyo (Haneda)-Sydney, Tokyo (Narita)-Brisbane and Tokyo (Narita)-Melbourne services providing options for triangular itineraries, and compliments Jetstar’s Osaka-Cairns service. Jetstar also flies from Tokyo (Narita) to Cairns and the Gold Coast.

Qantas’ Osaka-Sydney service will connect to its large domestic and trans-Tasman networks and Jetstar Japan’s extensive domestic network, providing good onward travel opportunities at both ends of the new route.

Qantas International CEO Gareth Evans said the addition of Osaka to the Qantas network offers another gateway for customers travelling to Australia.

“This December we celebrate 70 years of flying to Japan and we’re delighted to add another destination to the growing list of services Qantas operates between the two countries at a time when travel to Australia is booming,” said Mr Evans.

“Our commitment to the Japanese market is reflective of the strength of this growth, which we are very well placed to support with the largest Australia-Japan network, the largest domestic network in Australia, and the largest low-cost domestic network across Japan through Jetstar Japan.

“Australia is a highly sought-after destination for Japanese tourists with many staying longer and spending more while they are here. And with the Free Trade Agreement in place, the new route opens up more opportunities for companies to explore and build business in new regions, further strengthening the trade relationship between the two countries.

“For Australian travelers, this service will appeal to those looking to explore the historic Kansai region and the surrounding areas. And with a number of exciting events being hosted in Japan in coming years, including the 2019 Rugby World Cup and the 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games, we are expecting to see travel between the two countries grow well into the future,” added Mr Evans.

Qantas is offering special launch fares, with Osaka to Sydney return Economy fares starting from 58,000 yen and Osaka to Sydney return Business fares starting from 220,000 yen.^

### QANTAS SCHEDULE (effective 14 December 2017-24 March 2018)\*

Flt Num	Route	Dep/Arr	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
QF34	KIX-SYD	1855/0645+1	-	-	-	✓	-	✓	-
		2250/1040+1	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-



QF33	SYD-KIX	0930/1725	-	-	-	✓	-	✓	-
		1325/2120	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-

\*Subject to government and regulatory approvals. Some Monday services may be operated by a A330-200 aircraft.  
 ^Prices shown do not include taxes, charges and fees. Terms and conditions apply.

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